



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1097

LCO No. 3460

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 27-102n of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Department of
4 Veterans' Affairs. The board shall be comprised of the commissioner
5 and nine members who by education or experience shall be qualified
6 in health care, business management, social services or law and who
7 shall have a demonstrated interest in the concerns of veterans. The
8 deputy commissioner of the veterans' advocacy and assistance unit
9 shall be a nonvoting member of the board. A majority of the members
10 of the board shall be veterans. Members shall be appointed by the
11 Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members
12 shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. They shall
13 receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for
14 their reasonable expenses in the performance of their duties.

15 (b) The board shall meet at least [monthly] quarterly and upon the

16 call of the commissioner. A majority of the members shall constitute a
17 quorum.

18 (c) The board shall advise and assist the commissioner in the
19 operation of the Veterans' Home and Hospital, the veterans' advocacy
20 and assistance unit, the administration, expansion or modification of
21 existing programs and services of the department and the
22 development of new programs and services.

23 (d) The board shall review and approve any regulations prior to
24 adoption by the commissioner concerning: (1) Procedures relating to
25 admission and discharge or transfer of veterans in the home and
26 hospital; (2) a per diem fee schedule for programs, services and
27 benefits provided therein; [.] and (3) the participation of eligible family
28 members in programs or services provided by the home and hospital.

29 (e) The board shall submit an annual report to the Governor on its
30 activities with its recommendations, if any, for improving the delivery
31 of services to veterans and the addition of new programs.

Statement of Purpose:

To change the meeting requirement of the Board of Trustees for the Department of Veterans' Affairs from monthly to quarterly.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]